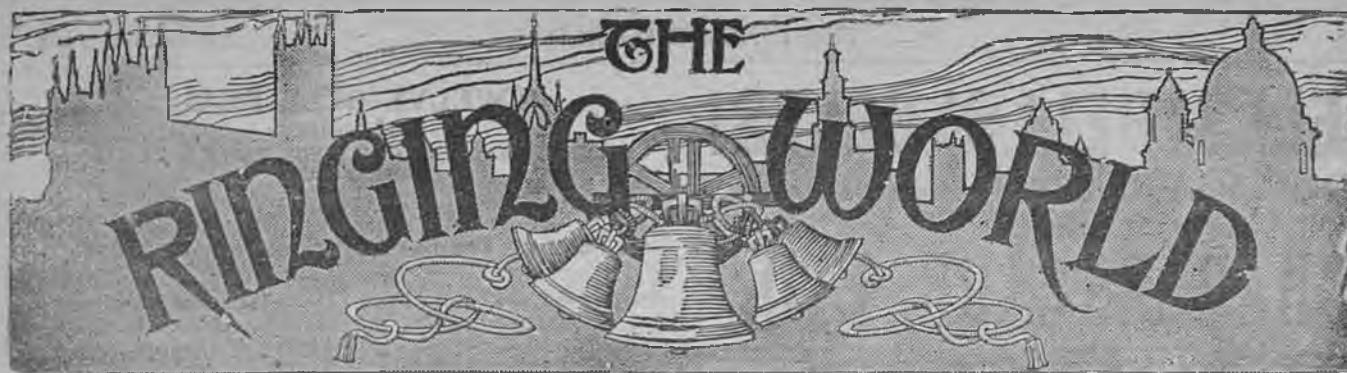




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THE EXAMPLE OF THE PIONEERS.

The passing from the ranks of the Exercise of Mr. James W. Washbrook is another reminder of the gaps which the inexorable hand of Death is making in the ranks of those to whom ringing owed so much for the work they put in from 30 to 40 years ago. That was a time when the Exercise, as we know it to-day, was in the making. Prior to the 'eighties,' there was very little organisation, and skilled change ringers were to be found in comparatively few centres. An effort was afoot to raise the status of the ringer, for the belfry was not then looked upon as the most desirable place for young men to frequent. It was about this period that the county and diocesan associations were being formed, and the Exercise was in what may be called a transition stage. While keen reformers were turning their energies to organisation, a number of enthusiasts arose who laid the foundations which made possible the later progress of the art. The zeal of some of these men in the face of difficulties gave an impetus to ringing, which gathered force as the years passed on, and left a permanent impression on the Exercise.

In those days a great deal rested upon the efforts of a few, for the practice of change-ringing was carried on within very confined limits. Few country parishes had a peal band of their own; in some counties scientific change-ringing was hardly known, while means of intercommunication were generally poor, and the corresponding opportunities of carrying on educational work full of difficulty. It was into this condition of things that the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook came in 1880. Highly gifted as ringer, composer and conductor, endowed with a plentiful store of physical strength and energy, he helped to set what might almost be called a new standard of ringing. He made peal-ringing look a comparatively easy task, and conducting a simple problem. Long peals lost some of their stupendous difficulty and his leadership gave a new zest to the ringing of record lengths. Men regarded his genius with admiration and sought to emulate him as far as lay in their power. In this way his example was an encouragement to others, and by this means, as well as by personal assistance which he gave to scores, if not to hundreds, of ringers, he served his day and generation, and he certainly did his share in raising the level of method ringing. The obstacles to progress in those days were much greater than confront the ringer of to-day, and it is for us to make the best use of the conditions as we now find them, and in our turn do the best we can to improve the art, raise the standard of ringing and the status of the ringer so that we, too, can hand it on better than we found it. If we are all imbued with the spirit which marked these old pioneers we shall not be without success.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEAMOR CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	JOHN NEAL 11
FRANK W. PERRENS 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with bells half-muffled, and in the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions as a last token of respect to James L. Wells, Birmingham, and James W. Washbrook, Manchester, late members of the above Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*PERCY HARRISON Treble	WILLIAM PERVIN 6
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	*HARRY BROUGHTON 8
*JAMES F. CLARKE 4	FRANK PERVIN 9
*E. HARRY STONELEY 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by E. GUYSE.

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
*GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal—age 16.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	HARRY R. ROPER 6
JAMES DURRANT 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
PERCY MAY 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 8
ALBERT FLEMING 4	WILLIAM TILLET 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on tower bells by all the band excepting Mr. Garrett. This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal ever rung, containing only eight courses. The figures appear elsewhere. The bells came into rounds at 12.3 a.m., January 1st, 1924.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM H. P. EVANS Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
GEORGE LARGE 2	ALFRED PARNELL 7
WILLIAM BOLTON 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
ERNEST HUNT 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
†JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, an ex-Master of the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MAXIM Treble	*FREDERICK KEMP 5
PERCY GRIDLEY 2	*PHILIP JOHNSON 6
THEODORE E. SLATER 3	THOMAS CHINERY 7
FREDERICK INCH 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal on eight bells.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
TITUS BARLOW 2	*JAMES BOLTON 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	PETER CROOK Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BELWER. Conducted T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bennett, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Peter Crook.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH HERBERT Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KENNETH MACDONALD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the 24th anniversary of the installation of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. I. Hairs.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*PERCY ALMOND Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung after meeting one short for London, and to celebrate Mr. Nevard's 45 years' residence in Great Bentley. It was his 245th peal. At the conclusion of the peal the band were entertained to an excellent repast by Mr. Nevard, for which they desire to tender him grateful thanks.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	WILLIAM HART 7
FREDERICK ROGERS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
MISS NORA SHORTER 2	GEORGE MARRINER 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN HOWES 7
GEORGE COOK 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CARR Treble	REV. R. F. WILKINSON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. FLINT.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, LEWISHAM, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	HARRY H. MANCE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
*GEORGE W. HARRIS 3	†AMOS W. CLARK 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
JAMES BOUGHTON 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
FRED HOPPER 2	FREDERICK SAWFOOT 6
HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
ROBERT G. BLACK 4	BERTIE O. SODEN Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on eight bells, and the first lady to ring a peal in Northampton.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
*PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Stedman, and first attempt. First in the method as conductor, and first attempt. The above is also the first time that a peal of Stedman has been conducted by a local man at Debenham. The band are all Sunday Service ringers at Debenham Church, and the peal was a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

ELHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. WHITNAL Treble	ALBERT CASTLE 5
*KYRLE GORDON (AGE 15) ... 2	GORDON WEBB 5
FREDK. CASTLE (AGE 14½) 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
†FRANK VERNEY 4	ALEC WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the 29th anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer, to whom the band are indebted for taking the vacant rope at the last moment. It is close on 30 years since he rang his last peal. Mrs. A. Castle kindly entertained the band after the peal. K. Gordon was elected a member of the association prior to starting the peal.

RODELWYDDAU, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET (THE MARBLE CHURCH).

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALBERT E. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Jenkins.

RHYL, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM CLARKE 3	ALBERT E. HUGHES 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Jenkins. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hughes for their kind hospitality.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS GLADYS DODDS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	JAMES F. CLARKE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. LLEWELLYN ... Treble	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	FRANK VOICE 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN CLARK 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged for Mr. G. Capewell, of Bristol, who wished to ring a peal on the bells of his native town.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. J. HOING Treble	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 5
JOHN EVANS 2	RALPH COLES 6
*W. A. WOOLLER 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
EDWARD MARKHAM 4	FRANK W. BOXELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for W. A. Wooller (son of the Vicar of West Wycombe), who was made a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

†JOHN HALL Treble	*OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
†JOHN C. PERKINS 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 6
*HARRY COLLEY 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	GEORGE MOISEY Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on an inside bell.
‡ First peal of Triples on tower bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
MISS NORA H. WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	GILBERT G. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. F. KING.

Miss Williams is the first lady to ring a peal in Bath. The conductor's 100th peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	HARRY HOBALL 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
EDWARD A. REEVES 3	REUBEN HALL 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	*JAMES T. GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Round, who is the oldest member of the Netherton company, and in commemoration of his 51 years' service at Netherton Parish Church as a Sunday Service ringer. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor and tenor ringer.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT H. POUNTNEY Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	BERT HORTON 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*ERNEST E. BISH Treble	JOSEPH C. DOEL 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 6
†JAMES H. RUMBLEY 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	†THOMAS J. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

‡ First peal. First peal as conductor.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	JAMES FLEETY 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SADNERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First in the method. Quickest Surprise peal on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SIMMONS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday peal for John Wheadon.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT ST. MARIE'S (R.C.) CHURCH, NORFOLK ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*CHARLES LAKE Treble	FRANCIS WARD 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	JAMES EVINSON 6
HARRY BOWER 3	ROBERT HARRISON 7
TOM O'HARA 4	†COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung as a tribute of respect and goodwill to the Rev. Canon Dolan, in recognition of his 25 years' services as priest at the above church. Also as a birthday compliment to the reverend Canon, and to Mr. T. G. Sarel and Mr. R. Harrison, both local ringers. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 3rd never in 6th's and the 2nd never in 5-6. First peal on these bells for nearly fourteen years. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal as conductor.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*FREDERICK RUMERY ... Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 4	JAMES FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal in an eight-bell tower.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT G. HUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the octave. The bells were recently increased from 6 to 8. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jones, who very kindly entertained them after the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. W. BENNETT Treble	S. BENNETT 4
W. E. CLARKE 2	*R. WOODS 5
C. BARTON 3	A. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. * First peal.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ROBERT WILLIAMS ... Treble	†WILLIAM WEBB 4
THEODORE SAINT 2	WILFRED SAINT 5
*CHARLES ANDREWS ... 3	*FRANK FILER Tenor

Conducted by W. SAINT.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal Doubles.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WALTER J. TANSER 3
ROWLAND BARROW ... 2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4
WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Cattell, a ringer at St. Margaret's, to Miss Edith A. Goodman, which took place earlier on the same day at this church. This is the second peal on these bells in 400 years.

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TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, and eight six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER T. WILSON Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 3
*MISS KITTIE MOORE 2	MATT HOBBS 4

*HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. First peal as conductor.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT E. BOSWELL ... Treble	JOHN HALL 3
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	JAMES HEMMING 4

HARRY COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by H. Colley for twelve years.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Plain Bob, and three of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY COLLEY, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON 4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2	HARRY COLLEY 5
JOHN HALL 3	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by J. HALL.

* First peal. These bells (the 1st and 5th being cracked) badly need the bell hanger. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th, wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. H. Colley for giving them such a pleasant and enjoyable week-end.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY PLOXTON Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	JOHN W. KIRTON 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

First peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung and two trebles added to make a ring of six, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 'go' and tone are splendid. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tea after the peal by the Rev. G. J. and Mrs. Sturton.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble	JAMES HOWARD 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
*FREDERICK PECK 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. approx. in A.

†THOMAS R. BUTLER ... Treble	*BERT PRIDDING 4
†THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2	*JAMES WOOLLEY 5
*RICHARD WOOLLEY 3	†WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. R. BUTLER. Witness: WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN.
* First peal and first attempt, and are local ringers. † First peal in the method, and first attempt, and hail from Ellesmere, Salop. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Pridding, father of the ringer of the fourth, who is the oldest ringer in the district.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Little Bob and 1080 each of Woodbine and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MITCHELL ... Treble	THOMAS GREENACRE 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 5
ROBERT GREENACRE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal in six methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor, and rung in honour of St. Stephen's Day.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER N. ASHBY ... Treble	ALFRED E. BACON 4
*FREDERICK C. MITCHELL ... 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
WILLIAM R. MITCHELL ... 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on a working bell. First peal on these bells, and rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway to Sandringham House for the Christmas festivities.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. J. PERRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

J. PERRY 1—2—3	T. PERRY 4—5—6
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Conducted by J. PERRY.

Umpire: A. G. HUNT.

This was T. Perry's 21st peal, and was rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of his son, T. J. Perry.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in One Hour and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. W. WHITEHEAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six-scores of Stedman, 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor size 10 in A.

†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1—2	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3—4
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5—6	

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Witness: Mrs. M. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand,' and with a working bell. † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

MR. EDGAR HUMPHREY'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 1; three Minor Methods, 1; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples (conducted 1), 17; Stedman Triples, 42; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Stedman Caters (conducted 1), 10; Grandsire Caters (conducted 1), 24; total, 100. Rung in 20 towers.

ONLY LADY BELL RINGER IN SYDNEY.**AN AUSTRALIAN PEAL TO BE INCREASED TO EIGHT.**

Interest has been aroused in Sydney, New South Wales, by a newspaper interview with Mrs. T. C. Lumley, the only woman bell ringer in Sydney, where she recently helped in the ringing for the anniversary of St. Mark's, Darling Point. Mrs. Lumley, whose maiden name was Gregory, belonged to a ringing family. She went to Twyford, Berks, from her home at Wantage, some two years before the war, as a teacher in the local schools, and soon afterwards her parents went to Twyford to live. When the war came, and most of the local ringers joined up, a ladies' band was formed, with Mrs. Lumley among them. They were soon able to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples, under the instruction of Mr. G. Dentry.

Mrs. Lumley was no doubt gifted for the work, and soon became a very efficient ringer and a good striker. She remained a ringer at Twyford till after the war, when she married an Australian soldier, who in time returned to Australia. Her longest length was a quarter-peal, and she thought much of that performance.

Her father is a ringer at Twyford Church, and she has uncles and cousins who are ringers of Wantage, Berks.

Mrs. Lumley is also a good musician, having gained several diplomas for pianoforte playing, and has taken further honours in Australia.

Speaking of ringing to the uninitiated Sydney reporter, Mrs. Lumley said: 'It's not at all difficult once you learn the method of changes, and how to handle the rope so that it doesn't strangle you if you let go, and if you get the knack of balancing the bell. It's all in that knack of handling the bell, I think, and it looks much harder than it really is. Though many of the women who took up bell ringing during the war in England couldn't master the changes in the various methods.'

The old ringers taught the young ringers in English town and village, added Mrs. Lumley, and at Wantage, Berks—the birthplace of Mrs. Lumley—eight members of her family rang the bells of the town. "I was made a member of the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers in 1916," said Mrs. Lumley, "and during the war a band of eight women kept going all the bells in Twyford. There was nobody else to do it—the men were at the front—and it would never have done to cease the pealing of the bells."

'With the aid of diagrams and rows of figures,' the reporter goes on, 'Mrs. Lumley tried to tell the uninitiated how the bells were rung. How the treble went hunting, and third came to second's place, and

four and five dodged. "It is a mystery which can only be cleared by watching the bell ringers at work," said the expert, "and perhaps you'll be able to do that soon, for two more bells are to be added to St. Mark's belfry."'

SURPRISE METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As your correspondent 'Plain Ringer' uses my name freely in connection with this subject, I beg of you permission to reply to him through your columns. 'Bristol' Surprise was discovered, published and rung in 1899 or before, as near as I know from memory. The Legitimate Methods Committee came into being at the Central Council meeting, held at Norwich in May, 1899. The original members elected were the Rev. H. L. James, Messrs. H. Dains, J. Carter, J. A. Trollope and A. Craven. I think I am perfectly correct in saying that 'Bristol' Surprise was the chief object the committee had in their eye, along with 'Superlative Surprise,' during their work, and the principles of these two methods form the basis of the final definition, which in substance means: That a Surprise method must contain one or two internal places, at each cross section of the treble bell's path outwards and inwards. The cross sections referred to are as treble passes 2—3, 4—5 and 6—7. The whole pull at lead and behind, as treble turns from one position to its reverse, is not termed a 'cross section,' in the same meaning as the three internal positions.

Now, what puzzles me is why has Mr. Carter taken this course 20 years after the time he should have protested? And again, why are the other members of the committee silent?

Your correspondent asks, 'Why do I use an internal place at the treble's whole pull at lead in some of my methods and not in others?' I will answer this question by asking another: 'Why ringers do not ring "London" without making 2nd's place at treble's whole pull at lead, and also why they do not ring "Superlative" without both 2nd's and 7th's place being made when the treble is at lead and behind, when you can ring Double Norwich either with or without these places?' Well, my reasons are the same. I might say in conclusion that 2nd's and 7th's places made when treble leads and lays whole pull behind are not internal places in the same meaning as 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stannington, near Sheffield, Jan. 8th, 1924.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Referring in the column recently to the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1881, we said we believed that Mr. Ted Horrex was the sole survivor of that band. We are glad to hear that there is yet another not only alive, but still in the active ranks of ringers. This is Mr. W. Tanner, who rang the 8th in the peal. Mr. Tanner rings for Sunday service at Stepney, with which church he has been connected for over 56 years.

For the first time since 1907 a peal has been rung at Durham Cathedral. This was a peal of Double Norwich on New Year's Day. For about sixteen years the bells were closed on account of the condition of the tower, which was repaired, and the bells rebung last year.

If Messrs. G. F. Adley and F. Clinkard will tell us where the service touches which they respectively conducted were rung, we shall be pleased to publish them.

Several ringers rang over 50 peals in 1923. Who rang most? Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, scored 66.

We are close upon the bicentenary of the first peal of Cinques on record, which was performed at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. The actual date when this peal was rung seems a little uncertain from the records left to us. In his history of Grandsire Cinques the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon quotes a peal board which gives the date as Tuesday, January 10th, 1724, but in an introductory note Mr. Snowdon refers to it as Tuesday, January 19th, 1724-5.

But whether the two hundredth anniversary falls this year or next, and probably examination of the College Youths' old peal book would help to elucidate the point, the event is one which ought to be fittingly celebrated. Nothing less than a peal at St. Bride's itself would be fully appropriate to the occasion.

The old tablet in St. Bride's belfry records the peal as follows: On Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1724, the Society of College Youths rung completely a peal of 5,060 Grandsire Cinques, being ye first that ever was done. Ye persons that performed the same were as follows: Wm. Woodruff 1, Benjn. Annable 2, Edward Chadwell 3, Jno. Ward 4, Jno. Pearson 5, Robt. Catlin 6, Robt. Carter 7, Wm. Thompson 8, Wm. Jackson 9, P. Merrygarths 10, Math. East 11, Thos. Rowland 12. Abraham Goodwin, Aaron Jex, Churchwardens.

On January 15th, 1771, a peal of 6,720 Norwich Court Bob was rung at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, by the Norwich Scholars, and on January 13th, 1772, 6,048 Imperial the Third was rung at the same church.

The first peal of London Surprise in the City of London was rung twenty-five years ago next Monday by St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

Forty years ago next Thursday the first peal by the Winchester Guild was rung. This was at Soberton, Hants, and was also Mr. George Williams' first peal.

The first peal of Forward Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 13th, 1903.

With reference to our paragraph concerning 'single-handed' peals at Bow, Cheapside, and the remark that many peals of Stedman Cinques have been called off the tenor since Mr. F. E. Dawe called the first at St. Bride's, a correspondent suggests that the actual number of ringers who have done this is comparatively small, probably not more than half a dozen.

There was once a man at Wolverhampton who, although he was not a change ringer, yet was able to call Stedman from the tenor. A rather remarkable achievement.

In reply to an inquiry made through this column last week, Mrs. F. I. Hairs rang 19 peals within the first 12 months, and 28 within the first 15 months from the date of ringing her first peal, including one peal of 8,099 of Grandsire Caters.

A copy of 'Christmas Bells,' verses set to music which is based upon the first six changes of Bob Minor has been sent us. The author is Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey, of Radstock, and the composer, Mr. G. Hamblin, of Radstock. There is a novelty in the air which will doubtless interest ringers.

A unique performance is recorded in our peal columns this week. A handbell peal of Doubles has been rung at Brewood, Staffs, by two ringers only, each ringing three bells!

A SERVICE MANUAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time I receive inquiries for forms of service for various occasions in connection with bells and ringers, and particularly for the little book, entitled 'A Manual for Ringers,' which was published by S.P.C.K. for the Oxford Diocesan Guild about ten years ago, and has for some time been out of print.

I am anxious to make it known that this book has been reprinted, and can now be obtained from S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, W.C., at the price of fourpence (post free, fourpence halfpenny), or through a bookseller. This manual meets most requirements. Will clergy and those holding office in ringers' associations kindly take notice?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham

A SOUTH WALES PIONEER.**FOUNDER OF THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A pioneer of change ringing in the Llandaff Diocese, and founder of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, Mr. Evan Davies, as already reported, has just retired from his position of Master of Caerleon Endowed School, after 43 years' service, and is removing to Carmarthen. Mr. Davies, many years ago, taught a band at Caerleon, including Mr. J. W. Jones, who, for a quarter of a century, has been the enthusiastic secretary of the diocesan association. This band made excellent progress, and rang peals of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Out of this start sprang the Llandaff Association, with Mr. Evans as the inspiration.

**MR. EVAN DAVIES.**

A native of Carmarthen, Mr. Davies went to Caerleon in February, 1881, as assistant master, after leaving Carmarthen Training College, and was appointed headmaster in 1885. He has been identified with the public life of the ancient city ever since, and will be greatly missed when he returns to enjoy his retirement in his native town. A keen Churchman, Mr. Davies was for many years choirmaster of St. Cadoc's Church.

Mr. Davies is an authority on Welsh history, and an ardent antiquarian. The Monmouthshire Antiquaries Society could have found no one more fit to take charge of their Caerleon Museum, which was greatly benefited from his studies. Mr. Davies was prominent in the movement which resulted in a jubilee clock being placed in the old church tower in 1887, and it is characteristic of his conscientiousness and public spirit that he has himself regularly wound the clock, and repaired it when necessary, ever since without recognition of any kind.

The staff and scholars of the school have presented Mr. Davies with a barometer and reading glass, and the old boys of the school entertained him at dinner, and presented him with an illuminated address and a cheque as a mark of their deep esteem for him.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

To mark the 50th birthday of Mr. Walter White, on January 2nd, an attempt was made at Cotgrave for a peal of Minor in seven methods, the ringers standing as follows: D. Burton 1, H. Squires 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, W. E. White 4, T. Squires 5, Walter White (conductor) 6. Unfortunately this came to grief early in a 720 of Double Oxford, after a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob had been rung. Afterwards a date touch 1924 in Plain Bob, Single and Double Court was rung, W. E. White treble and D. Burton 4th, the others as before. The band, with the addition of the other Cotgrave ringers and friends, then sat down to a capital dinner, afterwards spending the remainder of the evening with music, song and games. The company thank Mr. and Mrs. Walter White for their hospitality, and extend to them their best birthday wishes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**INAUGURAL MEETING.**

The new Guild for the Diocese of Peterborough was successfully launched at a largely attended meeting at Wellingborough on Saturday, although several clergy were kept away on account of the clashing of the event with the enthronement of the Bishop of Winchester. It was the new Bishop of Winchester, who, while Bishop of Peterborough, instigated the formation of the new Diocesan Guild. Either to the ringing organisations in the diocese have consisted of the Central Northants, the Peterborough and District, the Towcester and District, and the Oundle and District Associations, while a small portion of the area of the Midland Counties Association is also included in the diocese.

The proceedings on Saturday afternoon began with a service in the Parish Church, the Vicar of Wellingborough (the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton) preaching, taking his text from 1 Cor. xii. 36. He first recalled that Church Guilds belonged to the earliest part of their national history, and were much older than the hanging and the ringing of church bells. Though the guilds could be divided into two classes—religious and social—everyone was based on religious principles, the love of God and the love of man. He recalled that in that Parish Church at one time were three Guilds—the Guild of the Rood Loft, the Guild of the Holy Name, and the Guild of St. Katherine. If the Guild they were inaugurating that day was to be a success it must be true to the principles of some of their ancient guilds, and make for brotherhood, loving kindness, and sympathy between its members, and love for the Holy Church. There must be real personal religion on the part of its members.

THE GUILD INAUGURATED.

The company then adjourned to the Granville Hotel, where, after tea, the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. P. Frend, of Collingtree, presiding, supported by the Rev. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. L. S. Clark (Polebrook), the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), Mr. D. J. Nichols (Kettering), Mr. W. Wilson (Isham), and Mr. Barber.

Mr. Nichols (the secretary pro tem.) announced that the Bishop of Leicester and the Archdeacon of Oakham, who were attending the Bishop of Winchester's enthronement, had expressed their interest in the formation of the Guild.

The Chairman said the Bishop of Leicester, in a letter to him, said he would take the earliest opportunity of informing the new Bishop of the Guild. It was most important, added the Chairman, that it should be a success. At the commencement, the Guild would consist of seven branches, comprising the five districts of the Central Northants Association, each working as a separate branch, and the Peterborough and District and the Oundle and District Association forming the other two. At present the branches that had become attached to the Guild numbered about 820 members.

A resolution formally bringing the Guild into being was moved by the Rev. E. J. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Millward (Northampton).

The Dean of Peterborough, a cordial supporter of the Guild, was elected president, on the motion of the Rev. J. P. Frend, seconded by Mr. Barber. For the office of Master Mr. Nichols moved the name of Mr. F. Wilford, which, having been seconded by Mr. Rogers (Northampton), was carried with unanimity. Mr. W. Wilson was chosen treasurer, Mr. Nichols secretary, and Mr. Millward auditor.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Guild be at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It was also intimated that the branch associations would hold their meetings for the election of officers and representatives on the Central Committee as soon as possible.

The Rev. H. L. Hopper (who was in the chair in the closing part of the meeting) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wellingborough for allowing the service in the church, and for the use of the bells by the visiting ringers. — This was seconded by Mr. Barber, who was singled out for the work he had undertaken in connection with the meeting at Wellingborough.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

On Monday evening, December 31st, previous to the watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,250 changes) was rung half-muffled in 57 minutes at St. Mary's, Ealing, by A. J. Moore 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, G. W. Stevens 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8. This quarter-peal was the 38th rung at this tower in 1923. Of these, 35 were for Sunday service, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. This splendid record is mainly due to the efforts of Mr. Lionel H. Page, who, together with Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, taught the present band change ringing. The former has now unfortunately left the district.

The bells of St. Mary's are not of the best going, and this with the fact that ten of the band are under the age of 20, the herculean nature of the task may be realised. The ringers greatly regret the loss of Mr. Page's services, and hope to show their appreciation in a more tangible form.

The New Year was commenced in a hopeful manner, a quarter-peal of Bob Major being rung for both morning and evening services. Both were conducted by F. W. Goodfellow.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

AN ACQUISITION IN SALISBURY DIOCESE.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27th (St. John the Evangelist's Day), a service, unique in the history of the town, was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, when the new peal of eight bells, presented to the parish by Brig-General G. L. Palmer, C.B., T.D., and Mrs. Palmer, in proud and loving memory of Allen L. Palmer, Michael George L. Palmer and Felix Charles Hubert Hanbury-Trauy (their two sons and son-in-law), was dedicated to the glory of God, and to the use of the parish of Christ Church, by the Dean of Salisbury (Dr. Burn). In addition to the peal, the Westminster chimes have been attached to the clock, and this will prove a great musical improvement upon the old 'single bell,' which, in addition to calling people to the services, was used by the clock for striking the quarters and hours.

The church was full some time before the service began, and a good number of the clergy from the neighbouring towns and villages were in the procession. After the dedication intercessory prayers were offered, followed by a short opening peal on the bells, the band consisting of past and present ringers from the Parish Church: J. Andrews 1, H. E. Moore 2, J. Stafford 3, S. J. Hector 4, F. Wheeler 5, H. Ewence 6, C. Warwick 7, F. Hayes 8. The honour of conducting the opening touch was entrusted to Mr. James Andrews, a veteran ringer of 81, who for half a century officiated as captain of the Parish Church ringers. The Dean's address, based upon Psalm cxxxi. 3, was concluded by his reciting Tennyson's poem of the bells, 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.'—The hymn, 'God of the living,' was sung, and the inspiring words of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' brought an impressive service to a close.

The visiting ringers then ascended the tower, and the first touch of Stedman Triples was brought round in good style, conducted by Mr. S. J. Hector. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The bells, which are of beautiful tone, were installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry. They are hung in an all-steel frame, with modern fittings, and run in ball bearings. The tenor weighs 12 cwt. 7 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'AD GLORIAM DE ET IN MEMORIAM ALLENI ET MICHAELIS PALMER ET FELICIS HANBURY TRACY, MCMXXIII.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.'

About 30 ringers had been invited to attend, those present including Messrs. E. Bishop, C. Gardner, of Swindon; Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett; Messrs. W. A. Cave and Knight, of Bristol; Messrs. G. H. Archard, H. Taylor, of Melksham; Mr. A. Harrison, of London; Mr. E. F. White, of Warminster; Messrs. W. Hart, F. Brown, of Westbury; Mr. Stokes, of Holt; Messrs. S. J. Hector, J. Andrews, C. Andrews, N. Andrews, J. Francis, W. Baxter, W. Loud, of Trowbridge; Messrs. T. F. King, F. Rich, Cousins, and Prince, of Bath; Messrs. S. Hillier, F. Green, of Devizes, and others. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present on behalf of the firm, and took part in a good deal of the ringing.

The visitors were very kindly entertained to dinner at the Castle Hotel by Brig-General and Mrs. Palmer.

HARWICH RINGERS' DINNER.

On Monday, December 31st, St. Nicolas Guild, Harwich, had their annual dinner at the Hanover Square Dining Rooms, about 25 ringers and friends sitting down to an excellent repast. The Rev. A. E. Mills, R.D., president of the Guild, was in the chair, and Councillor T. H. Bernard, who is also a local ringer, was vice-chairman. After dinner, a musical programme was enjoyed, songs being rendered by Miss Hookley, Miss Bernard, Messrs. Tyrell, Garnett and Taylor. Tunes on the handbells by Messrs. G. Thompson, C. Ellis, F. Ramplin, E. Scarfe, J. Scarfe and A. Alderton were much appreciated.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Vicar and Churchwardens,' and referred to the improvements which had been effected in the church.—The Rev. A. E. Mills, responding, said a vast amount of money had been spent on the church, and the bulk of it had come from the people of Harwich. They had not the wealth in Harwich that there was in the industrial centres, but he had never met people who were so ready to find the money when it was required for the upkeep of the church. He had never met churchwardens who were more devoted to their work, and in the Parochial Church Council and other workers in the church he had a most loyal body of helpers.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringers,' said that he was very grateful for the work which they did, and thanked them very much. They called the people to church, and sent their message to those who were not able to come.

Mr. C. J. Ellis, hon. secretary of the Guild, replied, and said that if they did not ring some of the more difficult methods, those that they did ring were rung well. He thought that much progress would be made during the new year. They had a young band of ringers who were getting on well both with the tower and handbells, and he thanked the Vicar very much for the kind things he had said, also for the interest that he and the churchwardens took in ringing, and the ringers. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon's ringing took place at East and West Retford on Boxing Day. The peals of six and 10 bells were at the disposal of ringers throughout the afternoon and evening by the kind permission of the Rev. C. Bailey and Rev. J. E. Summers. Ringers were present from Anston, Tickhill, Gainsborough, Misterton, Worksop, Ordsall and East Retford, whilst members from kindred associations were present from Wath-on-Dearne and Wigan, and Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, Surrey, whom all ringers were glad to meet. Ringing on six bells consisted of Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Minor and Cambridge Surprise; and on eight and ten bells, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich.

In the early morning, a number of ringers from Gainsborough visited Worksop with the intention of attempting a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church (by permission of Canon d'Arcy), but owing to the unavoidable absence of the writer of these lines and a substitute not being forthcoming, the hope had to be abandoned, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung. The conducting during the day was done by A. H. Winch, H. Morgan and H. Haigh. The ringers desire to thank the three incumbents for the use of the bells during the day.

THE SILENCE OF BOCKING BELLS.

Last Friday's issue of 'The Essex Chronicle' contained a letter from Mr. A. Shuffelebotham explaining, in answer to an inquiry in the preceding week, why Bocking bells were not rung on Christmas Day. Mr. Shuffelebotham says:—

'I joined the Bocking band of ringers about 17 years ago, and continued with them until the break-up three years ago, due mostly to the old ones dying out. In 1914 we had ten ringers, and six of these have passed away. During the time that I was a member of this band, we started ten or twelve learners, but for various reasons they gradually fell away. An attempt was made in November, 1922, to restart the company. Four of these learners came back, and with the four old ones left and the assistance of several ringers from Braintree we began to practise, and continued up to March, 1923, and were about to restart ringing for Sunday services when along came the meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers (March 3rd), with the announcement that they were there that day to restart the peal! I told the rest of the band of my intention to stand aside and let the officials carry on. What is the result? With the exception of visitors, the bells have not been rung since!'

'In your issues of March 9th and December 28th we are referred to as professionals. This I consider a most unjust statement to make and publish. We gave our services, and did not get anything like enough to cover our expenses. The question of payment, however, has nothing to do with the break-up of the Bocking band.'

PROPOSED NEW RING OF EIGHT. CRICKHOWELL'S EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS.

A big effort is being made to raise the funds necessary to restore the bells at St. Edmund's Church, Crickhowell, Breconshire, and to increase the ring to a complete octave. The tower contains a peal of five, but for a great number of years they have not been rung, on account of two being badly cracked. The estimated cost of the work is £700, towards which there was a sum of £55 in hand, and a promise of £50 had been received towards a new tenor, conditional on the whole amount required being raised within a year.

The parishioners have entered wholeheartedly into the scheme which is to form a war memorial, and the first united effort took the form of a 'Forest of Trees.' Four large trees were placed in Clarence Hall by Mr. J. E. Edwards, agent to the Duke of Beaufort, and around these were arranged stalls, etc. All the attractions of a successful bazaar were to be found, and the outcome has been that practically half the amount required has been assured.

As long ago as 1884 a parish meeting set up a committee to provide a peal of eight bells, but the scheme never materialised.

RINGING ANCESTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip a few weeks ago you asked the question, 'We wonder how many ringers of to-day can claim to have ancestors who were ringers nearly 200 years ago?'

I claim to be one of these, but unfortunately cannot find any MS. or any records, but in the belfry at Ashford, Kent (my old home, there are four tablets dating from 1770 to 1820 recording peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which my great-grandfather, John Steddy, took part, and some of which he conducted. He lived at a village, Hinxhill, three miles from Ashford, and one night a week would walk to Hythe, nine miles each way, to practise, and in the winter would take a lantern. On several occasions he walked to London and back, 55 miles each way, for peal ringing, but I could never find out if they were successful. In those days, of course, there was no other means but to walk. What would the youth of to-day think?

Edenbridge, Kent.

JOHN W. STEDDY.

'RING OUT THE OLD.'

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. A. Edwards 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. Vincent 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Wood 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, H. F. Hull 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes of Erin Triples: J. B. Marks 1, Canon Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsey 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, C. T. King 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and in the county. To welcome 1924, 252-Stedman, conducted by F. Ramsey.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on December 31st, 1923, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinnigar 2, H. James 3, J. Dafters (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

WEST FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Goodfellow 7, E. Harris 8.

MARKET WIGHTON.—On New Year's Eve, immediately before midnight, 240 Plain Bob Doubles (with the bells half-muffled), after the hour had struck, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with open bells. The ringers taking part were: J. Moor, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor), A. Salmer, G. Priestman, W. Moor, L. J. Dobson, H. Musk, J. E. Routledge. Previous to commencing the ringing, the ringers had been invited to supper by Miss Harrison, Southgate Farm, where a good old-fashioned Yorkshire spread was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and a most enjoyable evening spent, in music, etc., until the time arrived to go to the belfry.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael's, on New Year's Eve, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 32 mins.: F. Springham 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. J. Tucker 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also 461 Grandsire Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, H. M. White 3, W. T. Prior 4, H. J. Tucker 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, P. Springham 8. Also 504 Grandsire Caters: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. M. White 4, W. T. Prior 5, P. Springham 6, H. Champness 7, W. W. Tucker 8, H. Dew 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, December 31st, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Hurrell 4, G. W. Harris 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

PRESENTATION AT DARLINGTON.

Mr. C. S. Burden, after a stay in Darlington of over 18 months in connection with his business, has now returned to London. Whilst in the North he accomplished his first 720's in London and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor all 'inside,' as well as many other touches. On Wednesday, December 12th, he was presented with a silver-mounted umbrella, subscribed for by some of his ringing friends in Darlington. The presentation was made in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church by Mr. Porter, who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to Mr. Burden's qualities as a gentleman, and as a ringer, and spoke of the assistance he had rendered to Darlington, and to this tower in particular, in the way of ringing.—Mr. Burden suitably replied.

On the Sunday following, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: R. Park 1, C. S. Burden 2, F. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park 6.—On Wednesday, December 19th, a farewell 720 of Bob Minor was rung: C. S. Burden 1, W. Oliver 2, W. N. Park 3, W. Lister (St. John's, Darlington) 4, T. T. Allan (St. Cuthbert's) 5, T. Clark (St. Cuthbert's) 6.

A GOOD RECORD.

The following 720's were rung during 1923 by the St. John's company, Leytonstone, and visiting friends: Surprise Methods: London 17, Lincoln 8, Beverley 6, Cambridge 5, Carlisle 5, Ipswich 5, York 5, Wells 4, Surfleet 4, Choster 3, Durham 3, Annable's London 3, Hexham 2, Kelso 2, Primrose 2, Bourne 2, Hull 2, Bacup 2, Sandiacre 2, Westminster 1, Allendale 1, Munden 1, Canterbury 1, Newcastle 1, Coldstream 1, Norwich 1, Lancashire 1, Stamford 1, Borwick 1, Barnborough 1, Norfolk 1, Wooler 1, three methods spliced (Ipswich, London and Wells) 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 3; total, 101.

Those taking part were W. Miller 97, E. D. Smith 91, G. L. Joyce 80, W. Titchbald 76, A. Prior 67, J. Moule 59, G. Dawson 57, P. H. Avey 43, W. Pyc 9, E. Wightman 4, G. Hayden 4, A. Reeve 4, E. J. Butler 3, W. J. Rumble 2, A. E. Hall 2, G. A. Black 1, J. Horwood 1, H. Angel 1, W. Shute 1, L. Reeve 1, W. Watson 1, E. Plummer 1, and C. Andrews 1, conducted by W. Miller 39, G. L. Joyce 25, A. Prior 12, E. D. Smith 6, J. Moule 2, E. Wightman 1, G. Dawson 1. Fifteen 720's were rung non-conducted.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHILDON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, in 27 mins.: W. Vickers 1, I. Robinson 2, I. Wick 3, S. Bryant 4, J. Beck 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: P. Want (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Want 3, E. R. Burgess 4, H. Baker (conductor) 5, W. Button 6, C. Tribe 7, W. Bishop 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, 6th January, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: S. Meadows 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 434 Grandsire Triples: H. Kemp 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, T. Clapham 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

GORSEINON.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Catherine's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: W. Stevens 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, *Reg. Dobbins 3, *C. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, H. Willis 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. * Longest touch inside. Rung as a welcome to ringer of the treble, who hails from Witney, Oxon. Also as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his obtaining his B.Sc.—On January 6th, 252 Stedman Triples by Reg. Dobbins 1, R. Baird 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams 7, Alan MacMillan 8. Longest touch of Stedman by an entirely local band at Gorseinon.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, W. Mills 3, G. Tizzard 4, G. Coomber 5, T. Tullett (first quarter as conductor) 6, J. Wren 7, S. Chesson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of the same method: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. A 504 was rung to open the New Year, 1924.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 30th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: O. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forward 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Beatty.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, December 30th, at St. Alfege Church, Haley's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Shimmans (conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, E. E. Richards 3, F. W. Thornton 4, W. Berry 5, H. Hoskins 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. Billings 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, for evensong, a date-touch of Stedman Triples (1,923 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: Miss E. Franklin 1, A. W. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, A. E. Reeves 5, J. Hazell 6, W. Mathews 7, S. Nailor 8. Arranged and called by W. Mathews.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Summerfield 1, G. W. Sorrell 2, H. Edwards 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, W. Lincoln 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, H. Kirton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Edwards. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Herbert 1, T. Bolton 2, S. Brown 3, W. H. Worsley 4, H. Moody (R.A.F.) 5, C. Moody 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, E. Cassel 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist, 784 Double Norwich: V. Butler 1, Miss Phyllis Hare 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, junr., 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke 7, H. Poole (conductor), Leicester, 8.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: H. Gash (first away from tenor) 1, C. J. Tricker, junr. (first away from treble), 2, S. Stilwell 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, C. Gash 6.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Macey 1, E. Dibben 2, F. W. Romaine 3, R. P. Knight 4, F. Precey (conductor) 5, A. Southey 6, L. Harris 7, G. Webb 8.

GLEMSFORD.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin: H. Pask 1, A. Wheeler 2, G. Smith 3, R. Johnson 4, B. Hartley 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Fred Wells, who is now the only remaining member of the old school of Glemsford ringers.

CHISWICK.—For evening service, on Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, L. Page 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. W. Kelley 5, A. Harding 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Dalton 8.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Walford 1, G. Warner 2, A. G. Hunt 3, T. Perry 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Secretary, Weston Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 12th, Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Service at 4. Sermon by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of Guild. Tea and meeting to follow in All Saints' Church House at 4.45. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church, on Saturday, January 12th, when members and visitors are welcomed. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Nelson on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Mears & Stainbank) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Tower open at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea given by the Vicar at the Institute (opposite the Church) after the service.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Belfry open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30. General meeting to follow tea.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m., followed by tea, 1s. each. Service at 6 p.m.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION (Kettering District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Northants

Branch).—A combined quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Jan. 12th. The usual service and tea arrangements will hold good. Ringers requiring tea should notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Abbey bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly given by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. Smith, M.A.). Business meeting to follow. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, near Cheltenham.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Rev. T. C. Fowler. Bells available at 2.30 p.m., St. James (10), St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Nicholas (10), St. Stephen (10), St. Michael (6); St. Philip (8), and St. John (6), by arrangement. Meet at Grand Hotel at 5.50 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley (St. Mary's) on Saturday, January 12th. Tea 1/6 each. Apply Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at Spread Eagle Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, which must be applied for by Jan. 11th. Chairman, J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; vice-chairman, Rev. G. W. Turner.—A. E. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Hereford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Est. 1755).—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 8 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's will be available from 6.30 to 7.45.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 17th and 31st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea, if notified by 12th. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please advise me by the 15th inst.? The District Com-

mittee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 15th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Caine Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Caine, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radcliffe Parish Church on January 19th. An invitation is given to members to ring on the rehung and recast peal (by Taylor & Co.). Will visitors intending to be present for tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 15th? Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—Wm. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea, with business meeting to follow, at the Parish House, Borough High Street, at 5.30 p.m., further ringing after. Will members make a special effort to attend this meeting? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 9, Dorset Road, Ealing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th, at St. Chad's. 2.30, Committee meeting in Vestry. 3.30, ringing in St. Chad's Tower, in the hands of the Tower Master. 5.0, Services in St. Aidan's Chapel, address by the Rev. A. C. Lawson, M.A. 5.45, tea in St. Chad's Institute, followed by meeting. Tea 1/-, if ordered by 16th, per Hon. Sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by the Guild at the Swan Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by special business meeting. Will members intending to be present at this meeting notify me not later than January 15th?—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The first meeting under the new Guild will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if possible, 5 o'clock. Important business, to elect branch officers. Will all members make a special effort to attend, and notify me not later than Tuesday, January 12th, who require tea?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting of this branch for election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland (6 bells), on Saturday, 19th January. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea (price 9d.) please notify me by January 15th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 until 7. Business meeting at Black Boy Hotel Club Room.—H. C. Norman, Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chudleigh, Jan. 19th. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. (Subscriptions now due.) The Exeter branch are also combining on this occasion for a 'fraternal,' and this ringers' festival will celebrate the opening of the peal of 8. Bells available noon. Bands outside the Guild in the Chudleigh district are invited. Those who intend to be present please notify by the 15th inst. Mr. Southwood, 11, Catherine Street, Exeter, or H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th January, at Stokesay. Bells (6), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dist. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Chad's) on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 6 p.m. only.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend coming to tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 16th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.15. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe (recast ring of eight bells), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Reports now ready. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

COLCHESTER.—The annual meeting of the North Essex Association will be held on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Peter's (8 bells) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., and by the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. E. Cardo, tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All members wishing to attend the tea are asked to notify me not later than Wednesday, 16th inst.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5.30, followed by the business meeting, after which there will be a Social Hour and an entertainment by Doncaster's Premier Concert Party, 'The Keynotes.' Tea tickets 1/6 each. Will all who intend being present notify me before January 16th? All members of kindred societies are invited to be present.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Jan. 16th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Guild's service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow, at which a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting will be moved. Those requiring tea are requested to send their names to Mr. J. E. Moreton, 39, Coventry Road, Chilvers Coton, not later than January 16th. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 61, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Jan., 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 14th, 7.30 p.m.; Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem, 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the two six-bed towers of St. John and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea write by January 21st, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 3, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by Canon Elsee. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those desiring tea must notify me not later than January 19th. All ringers and friends most cordially invited. Annual reports now ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon Conybeare, of Southwell Cathedral. Meeting in the Tower after service. Nominations for district officers to be sent in at once. Unveiling of peal board at St. Peter's at 5.30 by Ald. R. B. Chambers, President Midland Counties Association (recording first peal of London Surprise Major in Nottingham). To be followed by W. D. Croft memorial dinner at Albert Hotel, Derby Road, at 6.45 p.m.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6.45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Wingham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Further particulars next week. — Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHIRK, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Saturday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 4 six-scores of Plain Bob, 4 of Grandsire, and 2½ of Stedman, each called differently: W. S. Higginson 1, T. Butler, senr., 2, J. F. Sharp (conductor) 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. R. Butler 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

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